Trooper Investigating Three Vehicle Crash in Red Lion Area

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Red Lion — The Delaware State Police are investigating a three vehicle crash that occurred early Friday evening.

The incident occurred around 5:34 p.m. Friday February 3, 2017 as Joseph J. Tabino Jr., 58 of New Castle, was operating a 2014 Chevrolet box truck northbound on Bear-Corbitt Road (SR7) stopped in traffic for a red light at Red Lion Road (SR71). Colton E. McFatridge, 26 of Bear, was operating a 1994 Honda Civic northbound on SR7 stopped directly behind the box truck. George I. Woodlaver IV, 61 of Chester, Pennsylvania, was operating a 2008 Ford Escape northbound on SR7 behind the truck and Civic when for unknown reason failed to slow or stop. The front of the Ford Escape struck the rear of the Civic which in turn pushed it forward into the rear of the box truck.

George Woodlaver, who was properly restrained, was unresponsive at the scene and New Castle County Paramedics and EMS personnel attempted lifesaving measures before transporting him to Christiana Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased at 6:33 p.m.

Joseph Tabino and Colton McFatridge were both properly restrained and uninjured in the collision.

Troopers are continuing their investigation into this incident and preliminary reports suggest Woodlaver may have had the onset of an acute medical condition prior to the crash. Released: 020417 1000

